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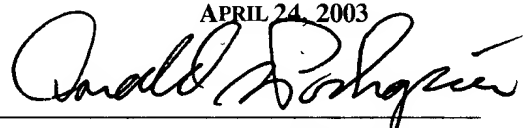
IN THE UNITED STATES  
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Applicants: )  
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U.S. Serial No.: 09/701,933 )  
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Filed: August 20, 2001 )  
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For: "CORTICAL BONE CERVICAL SMITH- )  
ROBINSON FUSION IMPLANT" )  
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Group Art Unit: 3738 )  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 12/05/02, for which a response was  
due 03/05/03, now extended two (2) months to 05/05/03, the Applicants request that the  
Examiner first enter the amendment to the claims before considering the Applicants'  
arguments on their merits.

In the Claims:

A compilation of all claims, reflecting amendments to be entered to claims  
59, 65-66 and 70, are provided below in the now acceptable proposed "revised format"  
as per 37 C.F.R. § 1.121: